

## Complex or Compound-Complex?

**7c.** A **complex sentence** contains one independent clause and at least one subordinate clause.

**EXAMPLE** Although <sup>S</sup> **Emma is** a talented singer, <sup>S</sup> **she did** not <sup>✓</sup> **audition** for the eighth grade's musical play.

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSE** she did not audition for the eighth grade's musical play

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE** Although Emma is a talented singer

**7d.** A **compound-complex sentence** contains two or more independent clauses and at least one subordinate clause.

**EXAMPLE** <sup>S</sup> **Emma is** a talented singer, but <sup>S</sup> **she did** not <sup>✓</sup> **audition** for the eighth grade's musical play because <sup>S</sup> **she needed** more time for her studies.

**INDEPENDENT CLAUSES** Emma is a talented singer

she did not audition for the eighth grade's musical play

**SUBORDINATE CLAUSE** because she needed more time for her studies

**EXERCISE** In each of the following sentences, draw one line under each subject and two lines under each verb. Then, on the line provided, identify the sentence by writing *Cx* for *complex* or *Cd-Cx* for *compound-complex*.

**Example** Cd-Cx 1. I believe that my birthstone is the sapphire; Roseanne's is the opal.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. A gem is a mineral or other material that is used in jewelry and other ornaments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Some of the gems that you see are natural; others are artificial.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Laney said that scientists can make sapphires, rubies, and emeralds in laboratories.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Some gems occur in igneous rock, which forms when hot, molten material cools.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other gems occur in metamorphic rock, which forms under great heat and pressure; still others occur in sedimentary rock, which typically forms when water, wind, or ice deposits sand, gravel, and other materials.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I asked Mr. Catalano whether pearls are made by oysters, and he said yes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. When light travels through a well-cut diamond, the diamond glitters with different colors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The type of gem cut that is called the brilliant cut has fifty-eight facets.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Diamonds are very valuable because they are very durable and brilliant, but some emeralds are even more valuable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Perhaps the most beautiful of all pearls is La Pellegrina, which is from India.